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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 6, 2003, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the amendments and accompanying remarks while examining the application.

AMENDMENTSIn the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A method for cleaning fabric articles in a laundering apparatus, said method comprising the steps of:

- a) uniformly applying to the fabric articles a quantity of cleaning fluid from about 20% by dry weight of the fabric articles up to the absorption capacity of the fabric articles, wherin said cleaning fluid comprises a lipophilic fluid and optionally an adjunct; and
- b) mechanically removing said applied quantity of cleaning fluid from said fabric articles such that the quantity of cleaning fluid remaining on said fabric articles after the removing step is from about 20% to about 100% by dry weight of the fabric articles.